

February 2, 1950

Brother of Local Business Man Dies in Aberdeen

Funeral services for Merwin W. Richards, 63, Aberdeen, who died at St. Luke's hospital Monday morning, was held at the Huebl chapel in that city at 2:00 p. m., Wednesday, with the Rev. Dr. Harold G. Trost officiating. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Richard was born at Blunt on June 11, 1886. He spent his youth there, and was graduated from the Blunt schools. He attended the University of South Dakota for two years. In 1903 he came to Aberdeen where he was employed by the American Express Co. He worked for the firm until 1911, when he started as a brakeman with the Milwaukee railroad. He served as a conductor for many years until ill health forced his retirement in 1942. He was a member of the Order of Railway Conductors of America.

Mr. Richards married Helen Mae Bloomgren at Spencer Brook, Minn., on January 15, 1912. They had resided in Aberdeen since that time.

Survivors besides his wife are a daughter, Meryl Richards, Aberdeen; three brothers, Hobart Richards, Aberdeen; Lewis Richards, Pierre, and Roy A. Richards, Groton, and a sister, Mrs. D. H. Lapp, Winner.